Sunday 21st. March, 2021 11a.m.
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
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Musical Director: Mr. Alan A. Craig. B.Mus., P.G.C.E.

Scripture Sentence

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

Scripture: St. John 12:20-33

Hymn 224 The spring has come,

1 The spring has come, let all the Church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day,
new colour after winter grey,
new light, new day,
the spring has come, let all the Church be part of it!

2 The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel Way in it!
New leaf, new thrust,
new greening for the love of Christ,
new leaf, new thrust,
the sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!

3 The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it!
Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of it!
New bud, new shoot,
new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit,
new bud, new shoot,
the spring has come, new people are the flowers of it!

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Sermon

Musical Interlude

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn 397 In the cross of Christ I glory,

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold.)